



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE 682nd MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 682nd meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on May 17, 2007 in Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair
Nelson L. Atkins, Vice Chair
Clifton Albright
Gary Barr
Andrew Friedman
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott Hayes
Ann Jackson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

William Galloway
Thomas R. Jeffers
Carol L. Rose
Paul A. Jacobs

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, LA City Attorney's Office
Michael P. Karsch, City of Los Angeles
Devallis Rutledge, District Attorney's Office
Dardy Chen, Superior Court
Captain Samuel Dacus, LA County Sheriff's Dept.
Laura Green, LA County Office of the Public Defender

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

James Endman, Superior Court

GUESTS

None

STAFF

Rosemary Osuna, Commission Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair CeDillos called the 682nd regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:42 p.m.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by Devallis Rutledge. Introductions of Commissioners, Ex Officio Members, Staff and Guests followed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair CeDillos congratulated Commissioner Scott-Hayes on her reelection as Vice President to Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007

On motion of Commissioner Barr, seconded by Commissioner Millard, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of April 19, 2007 were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER, HEATHER AUBREY, LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Chair CeDillos welcomed and introduced Ms. Heather Aubrey of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. She attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate and majored in Political Science and also attended UC Los Angeles law school. Most of her legal career has been in the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where she is currently in the Public Safety General Counsel Section, advising the Los Angeles Police Department on the legal issues.

Ms. Aubrey distributed materials relating to medical marijuana and reported the following:

- In 1996 California voters passed the "Compassionate Use Act" as Proposition 215, which essentially established the legality of medical marijuana. Under this law, seriously ill Californians were given the legal right to obtain and use *marijuana* for their illness.
- Under the "Compassionate Use Act", which provides patients and their primary care givers the legal right to obtain *marijuana*, a primary care giver can obtain marijuana on behalf of a patient and will not be subject to prosecution. The definition of a "primary care giver" is a person designated by the patient who specifically assumes responsibility for the housing, safety and health of the patient.
- In an effort to clarify the "Compassionate Use Act", State legislature passed Senate Bill 420 (SB420) which established the Medical Marijuana Program Act (MMPA) on January 1, 2004. SB420 clarified the scope of the Act, promoted uniformity and consistent applications of the Act, as well as enhanced the access of medical marijuana to patients and their care givers.

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(Cont.)**

- As a result of SB420, a state-approved Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program (MMICP) was established. Under this Program, patients could obtain identification cards. Additionally, this Program set forth the quantity of marijuana that a qualified patient or primary caregiver could possess under the program's statutory guidelines. Now qualified patients and primary caregivers who were in possession of marijuana could show this identification card to law enforcement officers and eliminate the possibility of being arrested.
- The County of Los Angeles is on the verge of implementing the MMICP. This program will require that the states share an identification program, but will be implemented by the respective counties. Cards issued by any county will be valid throughout the State. There has been some inconsistency of this provision of the law, and to date, Los Angeles County has not been mandated by law to issue the Marijuana Card.
- The Federal Government does not recognize marijuana as a legal substance, which is a conflict that needs to be resolved.
- State Law does not provide for dispensaries. However, dispensaries are operating on the premise that patients need to have marijuana. Provisions in SB420 relating to cultivating collectively may allow for dispensaries under State law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Captain Samuel Dacus, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Captain Dacus reported the following:

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) is an agency that is contracted by the courts to provide certain services, such as Bailiff and Security services, within the courts only. An incident occurring outside of the court building would be handled by the Los Angeles Police Department or the corresponding law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction of the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (Cont.)

The Criminal Courts Building (CCB) services 500 to 800 prisoners per day -- some of who are the most dangerous offenders. Subsequently, LASD has created a high level of training for their employees, and uses two systems -- the walk-through metal detectors and hand-held indicators, which are more accurate.

More LASD deputies are assigned on the Second floor of this courthouse where family matters are addressed because of the potential for domestic violence.

Michael P. Karsch, Legislative Analyst, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, Los Angeles City Council

Michael P. Karsch, City of Los Angeles reported on the following projects:

- **Olvera Street** – Rehabilitation of the Pueblo National Historic Park is in progress. A review of all improvements is being conducted. The Placita Section (between Alameda and Olvera Streets) was completed in September 2006.
- **Pico House** – Rehabilitation on the Pico House is in progress and the house will soon be leased out. The City of Los Angeles is going through some litigations and is trying to settle. Lease negotiations with the promoter and developer have taken place and currently the City Attorney's office is drafting the lease. In early 2008, a restaurant will open in the Pico House.
- **Puestos** – Puestos are small business structures on Olvera Street, and many of them must be substantially rehabilitated, such as the plumbing system which will go underneath the building to service the restaurants.
- **Italian Hall** – The hall is located next to the two-story building that is adjacent to the building with the mural of Diego Siqueiros. Because the hall was originally constructed unofficially without permits and contractors, and the work was not done correctly, it requires major work.
- **Siqueiros Mural** – The Getty Trust has given money to restore the Siqueiros Mural to be utilized to establish a viewing and interpretive center. However, The plan has been revised because the plan designs interfere with the structural integrity of the master plan. Mr. Karsch's office will hand over the project design for handling by other agencies.
- **Garnier Building** - Rehabilitation of the Garnier Building is underway. This building is located where the original fire station was once located.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (Cont.)

Mr. Karsch concluded his report by stating that although his office is very much involved in the master plans; his prime focus is the State budget

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair CeDillos wished everyone a happy Memorial weekend.

There being no further business, the 682nd meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:24 p.m.